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mittee to make application forthwith to the Legislature of Massachusetts, now in session, for such an amendment of the charter of the Society as will admit of their holding property to an amount not exceeding the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

On motion of Rev. Dr. LOTHROP, voted that the thanks of the Society be presented to the Rev. Joseph B. Felt, late its Librarian, for his faithful services in that office.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, having reported in part at the April meeting, now further reported, "That the certificates of the stocks of the Appleton Fund had been examined and found to be in the Treasurer's hands, standing in the name of the Society."

JUNE MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, June 14, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Maryland Historical Society, the Rhode Island Historical Society, the State of New York, the Boston Mercantile Library Association, the American Philosophical Society, the Committee of Arrangements on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the settlement of Rev. B. Emerson in Salem, Hon. Charles Sumner, James S. Loring, Esq., Rev. Dr. Wm. Allen, Dr. Edward Jarvis, E. C. Herrick, Esq., Dr. J. V. C. Smith, Dr. Martin Payne, and Rev.

John Stetson Barry; also from Messrs. Ames, Livermore, and Sibley, of this Society.

The President placed upon the table photographic likenesses of a number of the members of the Society, taken in a group by Mr. John A. Whipple, and neatly framed, being a present from Mr. Whipple: whereupon, voted that the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Whipple for his kind gift. The names of these members of the Society are as follows: viz., Mr. Savage, late the President of the Society, in the chair, in the centre of the group; Messrs. Adams, Appleton, Blagden, Deane, Ellis, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, jun., John C. Gray, Hillard, Jenks, Lothrop, Lawrence, Lunt, Prescott, Quincy, Robbins, Sears, Shaw, Shurtleff, Sparks, Ticknor, White, Winthrop, Willard.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter of acceptance from Thomas Aspinwall, Esq. He also communicated two letters from Dr. Franklin B. Hough, clerk in charge of the State Census of New York, stating in substance that there exist in the Secretary's office of the State of New York many curious and interesting unpublished documents relating to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, which were included within the grants to the Duke of York, and embracing the period between 1650 or earlier, and 1700 or later.

Voted to refer these communications to Mr. Sparks, to investigate the subject, and report thereupon.

Mr. BRIGHAM, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting to make application to the Legislature for an amendment of the Charter of the Society, reported that they had attended to that duty; and that the fol-

lowing Act had been passed, signed, and approved by the Governor ; viz., —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECT. 1. — The Massachusetts Historical Society is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate, in addition to its Library, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. — This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

House of Representatives, May 19, 1855.

Passed to be enacted.

DANIEL C. EDDY, Speaker.

In Senate, May 19, 1855.

Passed to be enacted.

HENRY W. BENCHLEY, President.

Approved May 21, 1855.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

Thereupon *Voted*, That the foregoing Act be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

Mr. LIVERMORE presented in manuscript a narrative of two visits made by Father Gabriel Druillettes, a Jesuit missionary among the Abnquois Indians, to Boston and Plymouth in 1650 and 1651, for the purpose of forming a colonial union proposed by the United Colonies, and accepted by the French of Canada, in the hope of procuring aid against the Iroquois who had just overthrown the Hurons, the early allies of the French. This narrative was found in the land-office in Canada East, and was translated from the French by John Gilmary Shea, Esq., of New York, prefaced by a

biographical sketch of the author. A few copies in the original French have been printed for private distribution by James Lenox, Esq., of New York, in imitation of the old Jesuit Relations.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Shea for this very acceptable contribution, and that the manuscript be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Mr. AMES presented to the Society a printed copy of the Resolves passed by the last House of Representatives of the Province of Massachusetts Bay at Salem, June 17, 1774, and transmitted to the Selectmen of the several towns and districts in the Province, under the signature of Samuel Adams, Clerk of the House.

The first Resolve concurred in by the Council, but negatived by Governor Gage, recommended the raising by the respective towns and districts the sum of £500, in designated sums, to enable the Committee, appointed to meet the Committees and Delegates of the other Colonies, "to discharge the important trust to which they are appointed."

The second Resolve recommended the relief of the towns of Boston and Charlestown, "suffering under the hand of power by shutting up the harbor by an armed force." The third Resolve recommended to the inhabitants of the Province "to renounce altogether the consumption of Indian teas, &c.;" to encourage the manufactures of America; "and to suppress pedlars and petty chapmen, who are of late become a very great nuisance."

This particular copy was transmitted to the Select-

men of the town of Tisbury, who indorsed thereupon the collection of the sum assessed upon that town.

Mr. R. FROTHINGHAM, jun., made some interesting remarks upon the expediency of publishing, in connection with this paper, the Journal of the Committee of Donations of Boston, 1774, and the Resolves passed at a meeting of the Committee of Correspondence held in Faneuil Hall, Aug. 26, 1774.

Col. ASPINWALL exhibited an ancient copy of the Colonial Records, beginning with the first meeting of the Governor and Company in London, and ending Aug. 6, 1645. This copy was formerly in the possession of Governor Hutchinson, and was obtained from his grandson by Col. Aspinwall, and is of considerable importance, as it supplies several deficient leaves in the original Record.

JULY MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, July 12, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the State of New York, the Trustees of the New-York State Library, the City of Cambridge, the Connecticut Association, Rev. John Brown, John Bartlett, Esq., Charles J. Hoadly, Esq., Timothy A. Paine, Esq.; also from Messrs. Robbins, Sears, Shurtleff, and Winthrop, of this Society.